

HOUSE BILL 2516

By Faulkner

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,  
Chapter 8, relative to surveillance cameras.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-110(a)(8), is amended by deleting the following language:

No state agency or any political subdivision of the state that installs, owns, operates, or maintains a traffic-control signal light in an intersection that employs a surveillance camera for the enforcement or monitoring of traffic violations shall reduce the time exposure of the yellow light at the intersection with the intended purpose of increasing the number of traffic violations.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-198, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) No state agency or political subdivision of the state shall install or maintain a red light surveillance camera for the purpose of recording a visual image of a motor vehicle being operated in violation of a traffic signal's red light directive to stop and using such image to support a notice of a violation or a citation.

(b) No surveillance cameras shall be permitted on federal interstate highways except for Smart Way cameras, other intelligent transportation system cameras or, when employees of the department or construction workers are present, surveillance cameras used to enforce or monitor traffic violations within work zones designated by the department of transportation; provided, that the cameras shall be operated only by a state entity.

SECTION 3. Any notice of a violation or citation for a violation of a traffic signal's red light directive to stop that is supported only by a visual image taken by a red light surveillance camera shall be enforceable against the violator if the violation occurred prior to January 1, 2011. Any notice of a violation or citation sent for a violation of a traffic signal's red light directive to stop that is supported only by a visual image taken by a red light surveillance camera shall not be enforceable against the violator if the violation occurred on or after January 1, 2011.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.